

display of said picked word; and

i) lifting said pen or stylus immediately to transfer the picked word to said text input system.

30. The method according to Claim 29 wherein the items displayed consist of the text of the words assigned to said items.

31. The method according to Claim 30 wherein said pen or stylus obtains the assigned word by touching a first section of said displayed item and the assigned starting letter by touching a second section of said displayed item.

32. The method according to Claim 30 wherein wherein touching one of said displayed items with said pen or stylus selects said item and wherein removing said pen or stylus immediately obtains one of said assigned word or starting letter and remaining for an appreciable period obtains the other of said assigned word or starting letter.

33. The method according to Claim 29 wherein said memory holds a set of members comprising related words and number values for each digit and wherein the displayed items of step a) include said digits and wherein said method includes the steps of :

j) picking one of said displayed items representing a digit with said pen or stylus;

k) designating each of said digit related members to a direction and a pattern;

l) transferring the member designated to the chosen direction and pattern to said text input system.

REMARKS

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to distinguish over the reference Freeman cited by the Examiner. Step b) assigns a word and a starting letter to each displayed item and Step c) has a pointing means select a displayed item and chose either the word or the starting letter. Freeman of reference does not disclose obtaining both words and starting letters from the same displayed item and choosing either with a pointing means as now called for by amended Claim 1.

Dependent Claims 2 through 6 and 8 have been amended to conform to amended Claim 1. Claims 2 through 6 and 8 distinguish over Freeman of reference by the just discussed limitations of amended Claim 1 and by their various additional limitations.

Claims 7 and 9 through 20 have been canceled and new Claims 21 through 31

added. New Claims 21 through 25 are dependent on amended Claim 1 and so distinguish over Freeman of reference by the limitations of amended Claim 1 as well as by their various additional limitations.

New Claim 26 is a rewrite of old Claim 7 in independent form. Claim 26 distinguishes over Freeman of reference in that an "n" is inserted after the word "a" converting it to "an" when the assignment to the following selected item starts with a vowel sound.

The Examiner recognized that Microsoft Word does not disclosure changing "s" to "an" but rejected Claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) by maintained that changing "a" to "an" is a subset of the Microsoft reference corrections for mistyped errors or for grammatical errors..

Applicant respectfully maintains that changing "a" to "an" is not a subset of the reference corrections for mistyped errors or for grammatical errors. The use of "a" or "an" depends on the starting sound of the following word, abbreviation, or other; not on any grammatical considerations. Further, the instant objective is not to correct typing errors but merely to squeeze another word into the very important word start set of the text input system and to allow typists to obtain the appropriate one of two words with the same action.

New Claims 27 and 28 are dependent on Claim 26 and specific limitations to the conditions under which "n" is inserted.

New independent Claim 29 distinguishes over Freeman of reference by having a display with a touch sensitive screen and, like amended Claim 1, by assigns a word and a starting letter to each displayed item and employing a pen or stylus to select a displayed item and chose either the word or the starting letter. Freeman of reference does not disclose obtaining both words and starting letters from the same displayed item

New Claims 30 through 33 are is dependent on Claim 29 and as so distinguish over Freeman of reference for the same reasons and by their respective additional limitations.

The case is now in condition for allowance and a favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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